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SUBJECT: CCC CREDITS FOR SOYA PRODUCTS

1. DURING RECENT VISIT TO SOFIA, REPRESENTATIVES OF US SOYBEAN ASSOCIATION MENTIONED AT MFT THAT SOYBEANS ARE NOW ON CCC LIST OF AVAILABLE ITEMS. MFT REP IMMEDIATELY EXPRESSED GREAT INTEREST IN POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING CCC CREDITS FOR SOYA PURCHASES.

2. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION GIVEN TO SOYA REPS, BULGARIA IN 1975 BOUGHT 60 THOUSAND TONS SOYA MEAL FROM US, BUT 180 THOUSAND TONS FROM BRAZIL UNDER SOME TYPE OF CREDIT ARRANGEMENT. FROM OTHER SOURCES, EMBASSY IS AWARE OF BULGARIAN NEGOTIATIONS TO BUILD SOYA PROCESSING PLANT, FOR WHICH PART OF BEANS WOULD BE IMPORTED AT LEAST INITIALLY. POTENTIAL EXISTS FOR CONTINUING MARKET FOR US SOYBEANS AND PRODUCTS IN BULGARIA.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE INFORM EMBASSY WHAT SOYA PRODUCTS ARE ON CCC LIST (SPECIFICALLY IF EDIBLE SOYA PROTEIN IS INCLUDED), WHETHER BULGARIA COULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR CCC CREDITS IN THIS FIELD, AND IF SO, WHAT STEPS GOB SHOULD INITIATE.
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